



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THE GREAT GUM GAME

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Dreaming, like John Bunyan (only that I was not in a dungeon cell but in a free country and in the enjoyment of God's free air) "I dreamt a dream."

THE DREAM.

Together with another man, I was aboard a shaky coach. My traveling companion was a fine-looking, sensible, elderly man. He introduced himself as the LEADER of the WISE and NOT HOODWINKED PEOPLE.

He said:

"Now that the happy holidays are at hand, toys and games are being bought for the children, and it will not be amiss to provide the dear, grown-up boys with a newly devised and interesting game, the Great Goo-Goo Gum Game."

"Can I have one, too?" I pleaded in ecstasy, for it sounded mighty good to me.

"Wait, my son," said the reverend looking and benign man, "perhaps when you hear all you will strongly realize the value of the game."

And so I listened. The shaky coach glided along right smoothly, one thought, and so interested did I become that I felt most serene and satisfied. My curiosity and interest were never before so aroused.

"To begin with," said the speaker, "a bunch of little wooden ninnies, painted green, represent the men of the woods, and strong, stubby-looking men are they."

"You locate them in specially provided sections of a field, on a yellow pine board redolent of the woods, these sections representing the woods. These ninnies are the workers, who, by the player juggling a little box of dice, are to be moved forward in crowds to a great central square."

"This start is an interesting part of the play, and each ninny brought into the big square is replaced by the player with a stock-y pile of coin, made of heavily gold-plated metal in the form of piled up gold pieces."

"Then the player juggles the dice again. He must get the ninnies back to the woods. By keeping them there and shifting them about certain moves made permit the player to bring upon the board, near the big central square, cute little casks and barrels, fashioned in perfect imitation of turpentine and rosin barrels, and made of a translucent amber and brown shade of lacquer, strongly

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